

**Special Budget Meeting Minutes (Recessed)**

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

Following the opening prayer by Chairman Pugh, the Chairman moved to open the Special Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners at 9:30 A.M., on Wednesday, May 13, 2019 in the Hyde County Government Center Multi-Use Room and the Ocracoke Community Center using the electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh Jr., Vice-Chairman Tom Pahl; Commissioners Ben Simmons, Shannon Swindell and James Topping; County Attorney Franz Holscher; Deputy Clerk to the Board Justin Gibbs; County Manager Kris Cahoon Noble and Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs. Other department heads were present to respond to inquiries and facilitate the Commissioners' discussions regarding their departmental budgets.

During the course of the budget conversations, the following changes were recommended and approved by the Board of Commissioners:


1. Vice-Chairman Pahl made a request to restore \$10,000.00 to Administration for the youth athletic program because the recreational facilities not only serve the community but other local agencies as well. Chairman Pugh agreed that youth athletics are important and the Board approved the restoration of funds.
2. Commissioner Topping raised a concern about the bathroom facilities at the Davis School Recreation Park and Manager Noble informed him that the maintenance budget had been cut from \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Commissioner Simmons made a request to restore \$2,000.00 to the Davis School maintenance line item to fund bathroom repairs. The Board approved the request contingent upon a commitment from the organization to make the necessary renovations.
3. Manager Noble made a request to cut \$25,000.00 from the Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) budget for thrombolytics because the department had applied for a grant administered by the Vidant Medical Foundation and the application was being favorably considered. The Board agreed to reduce the EMS medical supplies line item by the requested amount.
4. Vice-Chairman Pahl inquired about the funds previously requested for the Ocracoke Waterways Commission. Manager Noble confirmed that it was her intent to include \$20,000.00 for grant matches, engineering and design but it had been overlooked during the budget preparation. Manager Noble made a request to add the requisite funds and the Board unanimously approved.

The meeting recessed at 3:45 P.M.

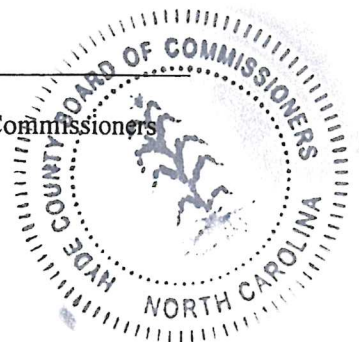
Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

Attest:

  
Justin L. Gibbs  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

  
Earl Pugh Jr.  
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



**Special Budget Meeting Minutes (Reconvened)**

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

Following opening prayer by Commissioner Simmons, Chairman Pugh moved to reconvene the Special Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners at 8:30a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Hyde County Government Center Multi-Use Room and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; Commissioners Ben Simmons, Shannon Swindell and James Topping; County Manager Kris Cahoon Noble; Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs; Emergency Services Director Justin Gibbs; Tax Administrator Linda Basnight; Utilities Director Clint Berry; Solid Waste Director James Blount; and, Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry.

Vice-Chairman Tom Pahl was present on Ocracoke.

**EXPENDURES**

**Ad Valorem Taxes**

Tax Administrator Linda Basnight reported North Carolina now collects all DMV taxes. Line 10.3010.0010 – DMV- Prior totals \$ 0.00.

**Ocracoke Special Mosquito Tax**

Commissioner Tom Pahl reported the Mosquito Tax Board had requested a \$0.5 increase. He requested a report of total earned with the increase. Line 40.3010.9100 – Current Tax will increase from \$45,333.00 to \$93,716.00.

**Water / Sewer System**

Utilities Director Clint Berry reported Fund 60 – Water / Sewer remains the same as the past twelve years. This is an enterprise fund and no tax dollars are used. Mr. Berry reported currently 2300 customers are being served.

**Solid Waste**

Director James Blount reported mainland Hyde County solid waste is carried to Bertie County at a cost of \$47 per ton and Ocracoke solid waste is carried to Dare County at a cost of \$65 per ton. Red Box is being used on Ocracoke job sites. Rent on these containers is going up. Mr. Blount will prepare a report breaking out all solid waste expenses on Ocracoke and on the mainland.

The Solid Waste Department has 2 F/T and 2 P/T positions. Mr. Blount will investigate options discussed to retain employees at the Ocracoke site.

**Tax Department**

County Manager Kris Noble reported Justin Gibbs and Lois Stotesberry have been cross-training on the Farragut tax collection system. Justin Gibbs and Lois Stotesberry will continue to learn the Farragut Tax Collection Software and will assist in the Tax Department. Annual salaries will not change but each will be split in accordance with time worked in departments. Justin Gibbs will be paid 60% - Emergency Management and 40% - Tax Department. Lois Stotesberry will be paid 33.3% - Emergency Management; 33.3% - Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; and, 33.3% - Tax Department.

**In Conclusion**


County Manager Kris Noble believes revenue is our main goal in fiscal year 2019-2020. Ms. Noble reported that increasing ad valorem revenues will continue to improve the County's fund balance with implementation of appropriation A. She also reported Manager's Proposed Budget A makes cuts to our expenditures that through careful spending will not affect governmental services and staffing next fiscal year. The result is a reduction of our current fund balance by \$1,533,815.07. Other line items remained the same.


Commissioner Simmons moved to adjourn the Hyde County Budget Workshop Meeting. Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None. The meeting adjourned at 9:50a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

Attest:

  
Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCC  
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

  
Earl Pugh, Jr.  
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

